

**UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR**

In the Matter of:)
)
Taotao USA, Inc.,) **Docket No. CAA-HQ-2015-8065**
Taotao Group Co., Ltd., and)
Jinyun County Xiangyuan Industry Co., Ltd.)
)
Respondents.)

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF POTENTIAL
CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGARDING JONATHAN SHEFFTZ**

On June 23, 2017, Complainant filed a Notice of Potential Conflict of Interest Regarding Jonathan Shefftz, a potential expert witness identified by Respondents. The source of the potential conflict was work that Mr. Shefftz had performed as a subcontractor to Industrial Economics, Inc. ("IEc"). IEc is an EPA contractor. Complainant has investigated the nature and scope of work Mr. Shefftz performed for IEc under EPA contracts during the pendency of this matter, and has determined that Mr. Shefftz's past work performed for IEc does not create a conflict of interest that would preclude him from testifying on Respondents' behalf. Complainant therefore withdraws the Notice filed on June 23, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Withdrawal of Notice of Potential Conflict of Interest Regarding Jonathan Shefftz in the Matter of Taotao USA, Inc., et al., Docket No. CAA-HQ-2015-8065, was filed and served on the Presiding Officer this day through the Office of Administrative Law Judge's E-Filing System.

I certify that an electronic copy of the foregoing Notice was sent this day by e-mail to the following e-mail addresses for service on Respondents' counsel: William Chu at wmchulaw@aol.com; Salina Tariq at stariq.wmchulaw@gmail.com; and David Paulson at dpaulson@gmail.com.

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